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Sports

Falcon head coach Gary Blackney is unsure if quarterback Ryan Henry will be able to start this weekend.
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Bowling Green, Ohio

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Sidewalk work to begin soon

Amy Johnson
The BG News

Thurstin Avenue construction continues to create problems among drivers traveling through the area, according to city officials.

"I was out at the construction site today and saw a lot of traffic using the closed road and some were driving very rapidly. The road is closed and police will begin citing drivers beginning Tuesday."

Curb, sidewalk and pavement construction will begin next week, Blair said. Work on utilities will continue this week.

Several problems with traffic on Thurstin Avenue have arisen, he said.

"I was out at the construction site today and saw a lot of traffic using the closed road and some were driving very rapidly," Blair said. "The road is closed and police will begin citing drivers beginning Tuesday."

Drivers need to recognize that the road is in no shape to be driven on and someone could get hurt, Blair said. Posted barriers should not be ignored.

Stolen barriers from the street are still being reported, however. "It is not uncommon for the barriers to be stolen, especially during the weekends," Blair said.

Bill Blair
Public Works Director

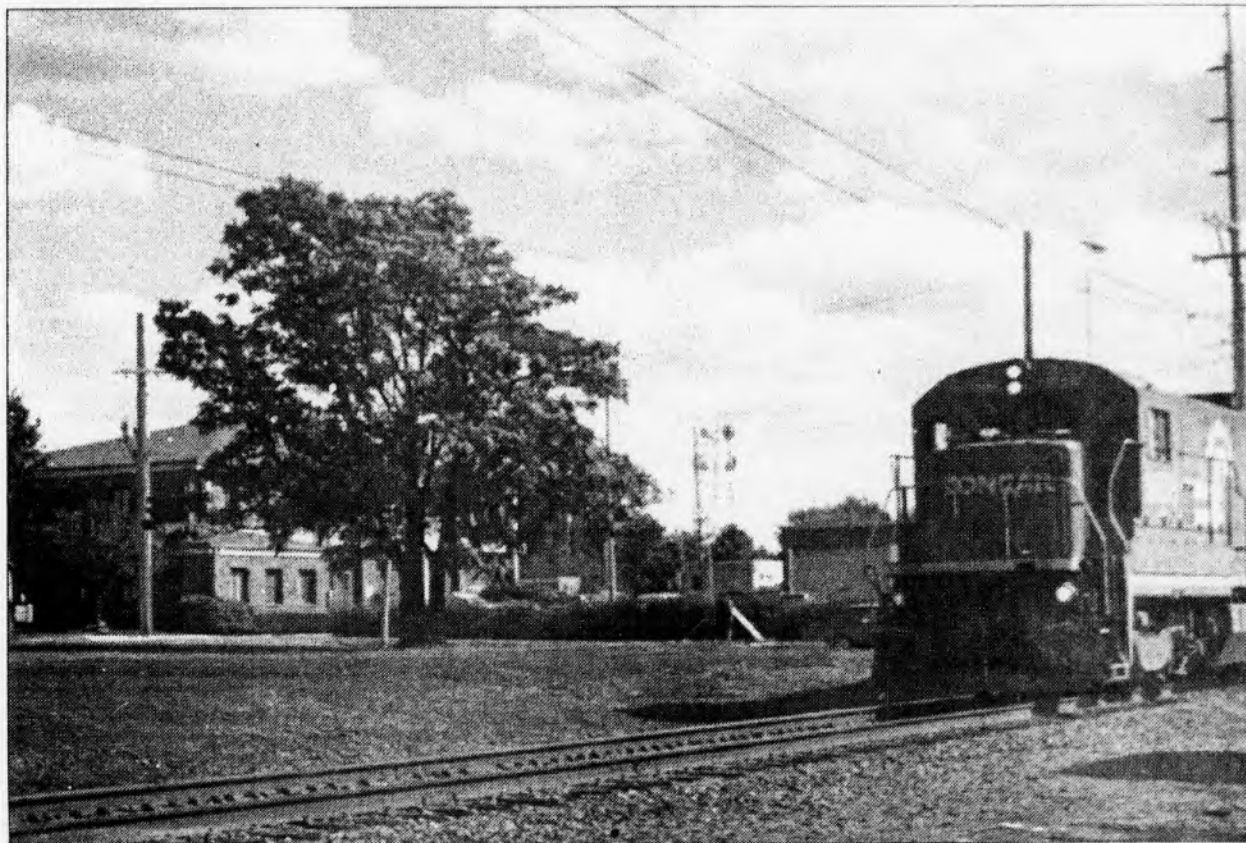
Public Works Director Bill Blair told City Council Monday night that the contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the street's construction is still set until mid-October.

In other business, he city's 1995 paving program is scheduled begin next week on 10 streets in Bowling Green, including North College Street and Poe Road.

The city's paving program directors will meet Wednesday morning with the contractors,

See SIDEWALK, page three.

Choo choo



A train passes through Bowling Green on the railroad tracks near Campus Pollyeyes and the University Power Plant on Court Street.

Trains come through at various times during the days and nights, stopping occasionally to drop coal off at the plant.

Kelly Rigo/The BG News

SLS brings suit against city

Complaint based on unequal student representation

Jay Young
The BG News

University Student Legal Services has filed a lawsuit against the city of Bowling Green for what they call a student's fair right to representation in city government.

The complaint is based on the city's four ward system. Bowling Green is governed by a combination ward and at-large system in which one council member is elected from each of the four wards and three council members are elected at-large.

The University, which is located in Ward One, is home to 45 percent of Bowling Green's pop-

ulation, according to the 1990 census. Rodney Fleming, Student Legal Services managing attorney, said the large proportion of people in Ward One prohibits equal representation for students.

"We want the ward system changed because we feel the students are warped into one ward and it dilutes their voting power," Fleming said. "When you have four wards, basically the Constitution says you should have equal population in each ward."

A trial has been set by a United States magistrate judge for Oct. 17 at 9 a.m. in Toledo. Fleming said the case, which was filed on

behalf of Joe Regensberger and Ed Long, centers around the fact students are included in the city's census.

"They're using the students in counting population when it's convient and good for them to get federal and state funds, but at the same time they don't want them to actually have a voice in local government," Fleming said. "I think they have concerns about the students becoming involved in local politics and they don't perceive the students as being real citizens in Bowling Green."

Mayor Wes Hoffman said the ward system is designed based on voting patterns in the city. He said there is absolutely no oppo-

sition to student involvement in city politics.

"Because of the voting patterns in the city, historically, it makes more sense to design the wards around the number registered voters rather than the raw population," Hoffman said. "There is a distortion created by the fact that in the campus area you have some 8,000 individual people, with only a very few of them who ever come out and vote."

City Attorney Michael Marsh acknowledged all citizens residing in Bowling Green are included in the census and pay a city tax. He said the current system is not taxation without representation.

"Yes, there is equal representation for everyone," Marsh said. There is no requirement for equal representation. What is required is that you be reasonably close to equal, and if you are not then there be good reasons for that."

Marsh said making the wards equal would "probably be an impossible task." Fleming said the city is not close enough. Wards one through four contain 45, 22.3, 12.4, 20.3 percent of the population respectively.

Hoffman said if raw population were used it could result in the few registered Ward One voters ruling the entire ward.

"You could have a situation where if you did it on the basis of raw population you could have 20 or 30 people electing somebody to the City Council," Hoffman said. "Where as in the other wards it would maybe take a couple of thousands people to do the same thing."

Municipal Administrator Colleen Smith said there is a good reason for not changing the current ward setup. She said the system is used for current utility

See WARDS, page three.

Food rushed to storm ravaged Virgin Islands

Kevin Galvin
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands -- Military planes delivered food, water and supplies by the ton Monday to victims of Hurricane Marilyn, six years to the day after Hurricane Hugo ravaged the Caribbean.

C-130 cargo planes thundered onto the airstrip at St. Thomas, beginning the full relief effort. The island's 51,000 residents lost water, electricity and phones when Marilyn struck Saturday.

National Guard troops and police directed traffic in Charlotte Amalie, the islands' capital, where long lines formed at gasoline stations. The drive from the airport to the resort of Frenchman's Reef, normally a 15-minute trip, took 45 minutes Monday.

In the interior, workers cleared roads of power lines and utility poles. A radio station was set up so residents could leave messages for loved ones.

Stacey J. Fredericks sifted through the debris of her home, salvaging clothes she hung on lines stretched across her yard. She pointed to a pile of rubble with a refrigerator and dishwasher protruding.

"We live here -- or we did," she said.

Her sister, Donnise Fredericks-North, said the cleanup helped keep her mind off their trouble.

"All this stuff we're trying to save keeps us busy," she said. "But if you stop and start thinking about that night ... you just don't want to do that."

The total number of victims wasn't immediately known. Authorities reported that between three and six people were killed in St. Thomas, while a hospital worker in St. Croix reported two storm-related deaths there. Two people died in Puerto Rico, and one unconfirmed fatality was reported in St. John.

Monday's airlift included 300,000 prepackaged military meals, drinking water and ice, said James Lee Witt, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"This is a massive response and has taken a combination of everything we have as a federal team to make this happen," Witt said at a briefing in St. Thomas.

Up to 80 percent of St. Thomas' homes were damaged or destroyed, FEMA said.

Witt said he was unaware of any missing people on St. Thomas. Officials earlier had reported about 50 people missing or injured.

A tropical storm watch was issued for Bermuda on Monday as Marilyn moved through the Atlantic.

At 2 p.m. EDT, Marilyn was about 435 miles southwest of Bermuda, moving north at 12 mph with winds of 100 mph. It was expected to pass near Bermuda sometime today, well east of the U.S. mainland.

About 100 U.S. marshals arrived in St. Thomas to help stop sporadic looting. Authorities requested the help to prevent looting on the scale that St. Croix suffered after Hurricane Hugo in September 1989.

Armored personnel carriers patrolled the streets overnight, and no further looting was reported.

Council Wards



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Representation unfair to students

For years now, taxation without representation in the city has shadowed University students. Students represent almost half of the population in Bowling Green, but have the same number of representatives on the council as the other wards.

Bowling Green is governed by a combination ward and at-large system in which one council member is elected from each of the four wards and three council members are elected at large.

Law requires that ward population must be as close as possible.

In Bowling Green, there is a 22.7 percent difference between Ward One and the ward closest in population, Ward Two.

University Student Legal Services has filed a lawsuit naming the city of Bowling Green, the Bowling Green City Council, Mayor Wes Hoffman, Public Works Director Bill Blair and Municipal Administrator Colleen Smith as violators of the U.S. the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Several courts have ruled in the past that the deviation in the wards is legal.

However, last Friday a U.S. magistrate set a trial date to decide if students are represented fairly.

Since University students are counted in the U.S. Census Bureau as a resident of Bowling Green, the students should be privileged to the same proportion of representation as those residing in Wards Two, Three and Four.

Because students are counted in the census, the city receives more federal funds.

Therefore, The News believes students are being used for funding without being represented the same way as full-time residents.

Every University student who works in the city also pays a city tax.

This is the main crux of the problem because students are being taxed without equal representation.

The News believes that students should get involved to change the system. Students need to take a stand for their rights.

Without student participation, the city council will have no reason to change the status quo.

University students should contact their Ward One Representative Todd Kleismit and demand fair representation. Only student participation will lead to student representation in the city of Bowling Green.

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'Normal' vs. 'original' sin

Are you in the mainstream?

In the book "Hollywood vs. America" movie reviewer Michael Medved describes an evil plot by today's movie writers and directors to subvert the "mainstream" value system of the United States. He describes how traditional interpretations of history are challenged in films such as "Dances with Wolves" and "J.F.K." That, says Medved, is bad for America.

A famous television commentator with similar views, Rush Limbaugh, yowled about arts funding this weekend. He came up with a reason why the government needs to stop giving money to theater companies, writers and other artists: They produce art that isn't "mainstream." He explained that art that isn't mainstream is unnecessary.

In a nation of more than 200,000 people it must be difficult to determine what the "mainstream" includes. Yet politicians, writers and even college professors are constantly being attacked for being "out of the mainstream."

In other words, if your ideas are different than the majority of Americans, don't proclaim them. If your interpretation of history is unlike what we've already been taught, don't present it. And for God's sake, if you create art that challenges traditionally held values don't expect tax dollars to assist in producing it!

There have always been people who react to new or unusual ideas with fear and hatred. Many of today's politicians and com-

mentators seem eager to debunk an individual whose views are different from "the majority of Americans," as if insight can be judged only by how closely it falls in step with what most of us already think.

Sadly, many young people immediately reject nontraditional



Roark D. Littlefield

interpretations of history and much of the the cultural diversity being explored in our universities. A woman's view of American History? African-American studies? Evidence of the "liberal agenda" waiting in the wings to subvert the mainstream views of our culture!

Conservative leaders in this country, just like their counterparts in China, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union, view intellectuals and artists with suspicion. They want to cut off the pitiful amount of money already allocated to arts and education and then use the media to humiliate

the people who have bravery and imagination enough to stand up and challenge the traditional views.

One of Germany's greatest and most successful artists in the 1920's was movie director Fritz Lang. In the early 1930's he was summoned to appear before Joseph Goebbels.

Terrified, he went into Goebbels' office and listened to an amazing offer. Hitler wanted Lang to head his new movie studio. He would unite the world's filmmakers into one gigantic motion picture industry once Nazis ruled the Earth. Thus Lang stood to become the most powerful artist in the world.

Lang asked for time to consider the offer. When he was released he went home, grabbed whatever loose cash was about and took the last train out of Germany. He left his wife -- a Nazi -- his vast wealth and his famous art collection behind and came to the United States to start over.

He joined the likes of Thomas Mann, Nabakov and many other artists and thinkers. These people enriched American culture, which allowed offbeat or unfashionable work to exist without mandatory conformity to accepted ideas.

It's easy to admire someone whose ideas have been accepted for hundreds of years, but it takes courage to tolerate the crackpot notions and bizarre creations by today's original minds.

Do we really admire originality in America? We often boast that

we do. But witness this week's big pop culture event, the Miss America Pageant. Did any of the contestants seriously consider using the interview to proclaim an original thought? Or were their comments bland and unstimulating?

Did the talent portion of the contest unleash new and creative abilities from the contestants, or did it consist almost entirely of singers who sounded remarkably like thousands of singers already in bountiful supply?

Did the contestants who rated high in the swimsuit competition have different or interesting body types or were they the women whose bodies most closely conformed to the unremarkable "ideal?"

The purpose of this pageant seems to be to give young women standards against which to measure themselves. Wouldn't it be great if originality was one of the standards?

The word mainstream is defined by Webster's Dictionary as "the prevailing current." Today the word is used by conservative speakers and writers to put forth the view that there is one noble ideological and aesthetic path. The majority of people follow it, of course. But there are a few who fall outside established conventions.

These thinkers and artists are frequent subjects of mockery. The meager amount of money and power they possess is often challenged.

Ironically, these individuals play a large role in shaping the mainstream of the future.

the JON and RON show



by Brent Stodling



Faulkner's struggle heroic

"Save the Males." "It's a Girl -- 190 Pounds!" "2,000 Bulldogs and One Bitch."

Last August, I had the fortune to be in Charleston, South Carolina, a.k.a., the home of the Citadel. I was also in town during the famed "hell week", or time when new plebes begin classes at the famed institution. Thus, I was around, in person, for the whole Shannon Faulkner ordeal.

The above phrases were ones I observed on bumper stickers, t-shirts, and other various paraphernalia displayed by the locals. How nice. Such maturity out of so many grown men and women, mostly the former.

OK, OK ... I know that people get all upset when it comes to traditions being broken, especially when it happens in their own backyards. But, come on -- does that mean standing for outright sexism?

Shannon Faulkner fought a long and hard battle for her right to become a cadet at the military academy, and I believe her battle was justly won. In fact, there shouldn't have been a battle at all.

The Citadel is a government institution. It is run by taxpayers money, i.e., yours and mine. The same government which wrote a document that, as citizens, we are all created equal, also said that it was not OK for a woman to be admitted to one of its educational establishments.

So, why is it that it has not become OK to accept racism, but it's still fine and dandy to accept sexism?

From the beginning of her struggle, people everywhere were saying, "Why the Citadel? Can't she be happy just going

somewhere else?"

The point is, when it comes to being in the military, there is no other. Coming out of the Citadel



Penny Brown

means that you're one of the best. Shouldn't everyone have the basic freedom to realize their dream of being one of the best?

Throughout all of this, though, the thing I found most disturbing

ican society -- if a woman is not slender, attractive and congenial, she obviously has no worth, even if she has just won the Nobel Prize.

Look around and you'll see it everywhere. Male athletes, at the top and bottom of their games, are noted mostly on their ability to play their chosen sport. Female athletes, however, at the best of their merit, are usually discussed with an underlying emphasis on their appearance.

But it's not only in the world of sports and celebrities. It's in our common lives every day. It's the pressure to look "pretty" every day. It's the concern over gaining a few pounds, of being called "dear" and "honey" by men we do not know and are not endeared by.

It's about being treated unfairly, and even rudely, at businesses everywhere that feel they should be dealing with "only men." Why is it, when I go to buy an air filter for my car and the size I need is on the top shelf, I

you walk down the street, receiving uncomfortable stares from people much bigger and stronger than you (physically, not mentally, mind you).

It's about everyone telling me I would be "so much more attractive" if I would only smile more, would only be just a little more friendly toward everyone.

And so it comes back to Shannon. One voice, one woman, standing up tall with terrible odds against her, and speaking out for all of us everywhere. For showing the world that we're concerned with more than the nicest shade of lipstick for our skin tones or the best cleaner for our kitchen floors.

And, while Shannon met her defeat behind the gates of the Citadel, it won't always be that way, because women are strong. One day, there will be another one of us starting out as a plebe, and she'll make it all the way.

She'll be able to make it through Hell Week. She'll be able to make it through her whole first year. And, one day, she'll graduate.

Hopefully, one day, she can tell her grandchildren how, at one time, it was almost impossible for a woman to get into the Citadel, and they will laugh and say, "No way." It will seem as absurd as slavery, as futile as women not being able to vote. Perhaps history will treat this as it is now trying to treat other cases of extreme bias against minorities.

Way to go, Shannon. I'm with you all the way.

Hopefully, one day, she can tell her grandchildren how, at one time, it was almost impossible for a woman to get into the Citadel, and they will laugh and say, 'No way.' It will seem as absurd as slavery, as futile as women not being able to vote. Perhaps, history will treat this as it is now trying to treat other cases of extreme biases against minorities.

was the media's (and public's) emphasis on, above all, Shannon's weight and looks. Here's another dandy thing about America

practically have to set something on fire for a salesperson to come over and help me get it down? It's about feeling unsafe when



of the most well-known moral and political philosophers in the country, including Steve Darwell (University of Michigan), David Copp (University of California at Davis), Neera Badhwar (University of Oklahoma), Susan Wolf (John Hopkins University) and David Schmidtz of the University.

Write for television

Have you ever watched "Saved by the Bell," or "Step by Step," and thought that you could write better than this? Now with Foxlab and America's Best students can prove that they can.

Foxlab and the America's Best open writing competition are providing people an opportunity to show they can write a better sitcom. Foxlab, which sponsored the original sitcom category, will award the two winning sitcom writers a \$2,500 option and the opportunity for the shows to be produced.

The sixth annual America's Best open writing competition provides opportunities for writers and highlights excellence in the following categories: screenplay, original sitcom, television, novel, short fiction, poetry, children's picture books and comedy writing.

Five winners in the television category will receive either a two-day studio visit if their winning script is written for a specific show, have a script read by producers or win a \$1000 award.

Television shows participating in the 1995 competition are: "E.R.," "Seinfeld," "Home Improvement," "Mad About You," "NYPD Blue," "Hangin' With Mr. Cooper," "Law & Order," "Grace Under Fire," "The Commish," "Dream On," "Picket Fences," "Dr. Quinn: Medicine Woman," "Chicago Hope," "Roseanne," "Lois & Clark," "Coach" and "Homicide."

The competition is open to all interested writers.

For more information and an application, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to America's Best, c/o The Writers Foundation, 3936 S. Semoran Blvd. #368 Orlando, FL 32822.

Competition material and entrance forms may also be obtained on the Internet at the following World Wide Web address: <http://www.solutions.ibm.com/writ>

Commerce secretary speaking

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown will be the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of Edison Industrial Systems Center (EISC) today at the Radisson Hotel in Toledo.

Brown will speak about the goals of the Commerce Department as they relate to EISC's new division - the Lake Erie Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), which is supported by the National Institute for Standard and Technology (NIST), an agency within the Department of Commerce.

The meeting, which will be attended by approximately 160 business, economic development and community leaders, is open to the public.

Julian Gravino, President of the EISC will also be speaking at the meeting.

It is scheduled to begin at noon.

Ethics conference scheduled

The University Department of Philosophy is holding an ethics conference for minority undergraduate philosophy students Sept. 21-24. Thirteen minority students and four faculty mentors will come to the University to participate in this conference.

The conference is taking place in conjunction with a conference on "self-interest," being sponsored by the Social Philosophy and Policy Center at the University.

The student and faculty members will travel from: New York University, the University of Pennsylvania, Spelman College, Moorehouse College, Clark Atlanta University, Rutgers University, Wayne State University, Fisk University, Mary Baldwin College, Tennessee State University, Hunter College and Fayetteville State University.

The students will attend conferences on Friday and Saturday mornings with some

In Brief

Hospitals restrict use of antibiotics

SAN FRANCISCO -- Hospitals across the country are beginning to restrict the use of their most potent antibiotics and isolate their sickest patients to try to stop the evolution of "super bugs" -- germs that resist all known drugs.

Of special concern is the emergence of resistance to vancomycin, an antibiotic that is the sole remaining weapon against some of the most lethal microbes.

The spread of drug-resistant germs is the No. 1 topic among the 12,000 infectious-disease experts at this week's Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology.

"We really are running out of therapeutic options for common diseases," said Dr. Michael Scheld, the conference's program chairman.

For patients, the rise of drug-resistant germs means that the medicine they get for their infection may not make them better. Often, this is little more than an inconvenience. More than 100 antibiotics are now on the market, and if one fails to work, doctors can always switch to another.

However, many fear the time is growing near when there will be no alternative antibiotic in which to turn.

Since people are most likely to catch antibiotic-resistant germs in hospitals, many are developing strategies to control their spread.

Some hospitals, for example, are experimenting with limiting doctors' ability to prescribe vancomycin, since indiscriminate use of the medicine is likely to speed up the evolution of resistant bugs.

Already, some strains of a relatively harmless form of bacteria called *Enterococcus faecium* are resistant to all antibiotics. Occasionally, these germs cause lethal bloodstream infections.

However, they are usually a danger to only the sickest patients, whose immune systems are already weakened.

Far more dangerous is an extremely common hospital-spread bug called *Staphylococcus aureus*. This germ is the leading cause of wound infections after surgery and often causes pneumonia and bloodstream infections.

Unlike enterococcal infections, which often get better without



Robin Loznak/AP Photo

A drake mallard flaps its wings in the rainbow produced in the spray of a fountain in Woodland Park in Kalispell, Mont. The park is a popular resting spot for migrating water fowl.

treatment, this staph germ can be fatal unless killed with drugs.

And often, the only medicine that will control it is vancomycin, which has been on the market since the 1960s.

The enterococci carry their vancomycin-thwarting ability on tiny loops of genetic material called plasmids. Experts fear that one of these bugs will pass its plasmid to *Staphylococcus aureus*, making it impervious to the last weapon against it.

"The worst fear we have has not happened yet, but there is no guarantee it won't," said Dr. Clyde Thornberry, director of MRL Pharmaceutical Services in Franklin, Tenn., which monitors antibiotic resistance worldwide.

Resistant bugs are most likely to afflict the sickest patients, such as those in intensive care units and cancer wards. Several reports on efforts to stop the spread of vancomycin-resistant enterococci to these patients were presented Monday.

Typically, hospitals are at-

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tempting to identify patients who already carry resistant enterococci when they are admitted so they can be put in private rooms or otherwise separated from other patients.

Some hospitals are requiring stricter use of gloves and gowns when seeing patients. Some separate their staffs, so nurses exclusively see only patients with or without the resistant bacteria.

At a hospital affiliated with New York Medical College, where several controls were started in the cancer unit, the number of new exposures to vancomycin-resistant enterococci was cut in half.

Safety course may be required for boaters

FREMONT, Ohio -- A state lawmaker wants boaters to take a safety course before they hit the waterways.

Boater education would reduce the number of accidents, Rep. Rex Damschroder, R-Fremont,

said Monday.

"I don't think it's a cure-all, but it's a good start. We have to do something. There are just too many accidents," he said.

Damschroder plans to introduce a bill next month that would require anyone operating a boat with more than a 10 horsepower engine to complete a safety course.

He said the bill includes exemptions for previous boat owners and people who already have taken safety courses.

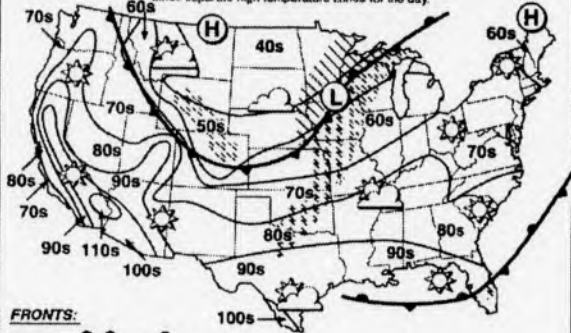
The Ohio legislation is based on laws in other states, including Connecticut, Michigan and Indiana.

"We've been working on this all summer, meeting with all the major boating organizations. So far, the reaction's been very positive," Damschroder said.

The Ohio Division of Watercraft, the U.S. Coast Guard, boating organizations and law enforcement agencies will discuss the bill at a public forum Thursday at Terra Community College.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Sept. 19.



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WARDS

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S.E. Johnson, for a pre-construction meeting.

"There is a concern with the paving on North College because of the construction on Thurstin," Blair said. "Thurstin will have to be completed before work on North College begins."

After the contract has been signed, the street workers will

have 45 days to complete all 10 streets.

"Each road will take about a day or a day-and-a-half to pave," Blair said.

Mayor Wesley Hoffman reminded the council that the 1995 Merchant Fair will be today from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the University Grand Ballroom.

SIDEWALK

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services and the simple boundaries of Wooster and Main make the system simple.

"The ward system works very good for the city of Bowling Green because the city not only provide utilities services to our residents, but we also provide

rubbish and recycling collection services based on that system," Smith said.

Hoffman said one change that could be made to totally level the playing field would be to switch to an at-large system. This would result in all of the Council mem-

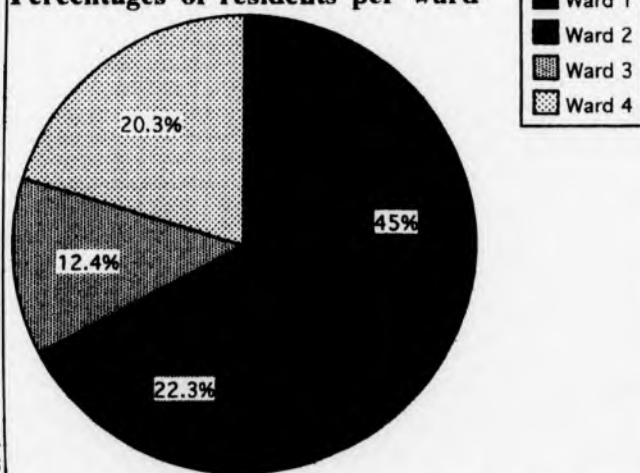
bers being elected by the entire population. He said such a system would probably not be in the best interest of the students.

"I don't think that would be advantages to the students," Hoffman said. "Because of their voting patterns, I don't think you

would wind up with anymore students on the Council.

"Right now, under the present system, if the students would vote they could elect at least two ward councilmen and possibly three at-large," Hoffman said.

Percentages of residents per ward



• Based on the 1990 census

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Representation unfair to students

For years now, taxation without representation in the city has shadowed University students. Students represent almost half of the population in Bowling Green, but have the same number of representatives on the council as the other wards.

Bowling Green is governed by a combination ward and at-large system in which one council member is elected from each of the four wards and three council members are elected at large.

Law requires that ward population must be as close as possible.

In Bowling Green, there is a 22.7 percent difference between Ward One and the ward closest in population, Ward Two.

University Student Legal Services has filed a lawsuit naming the city of Bowling Green, the Bowling Green City Council, Mayor Wes Hoffman, Public Works Director Bill Blair and Municipal Administrator Colleen Smith as violators of the U.S. the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Several courts have ruled in the past that the deviation in the wards is legal.

However, last Friday a U.S. magistrate set a trial date to decide if students are represented fairly.

Since University students are counted in the U.S. Census Bureau as a resident of Bowling Green, the students should be privileged to the same proportion of representation as those residing in Wards Two, Three and Four.

Because students are counted in the census, the city receives more federal funds.

Therefore, The News believes students are being used for funding without being represented the same way as full-time residents.

Every University student who works in the city also pays a city tax.

This is the main crux of the problem because students are being taxed without equal representation.

The News believes that students should get involved to change the system. Students need to take a stand for their rights.

Without student participation, the city council will have no reason to change the status quo.

University students should contact their Ward One Representative Todd Kleismit and demand fair representation. Only student participation will lead to student representation in the city of Bowling Green.

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'Normal' vs. 'original' sin

Are you in the mainstream?

In the book "Hollywood vs. America" movie reviewer Michael Medved describes an evil plot by today's movie writers and directors to subvert the "mainstream" value system of the United States. He describes how traditional interpretations of history are challenged in films such as "Dances with Wolves" and "J.F.K." That, says Medved, is bad for America.

A famous television commentator with similar views, Rush Limbaugh, yowled about arts funding this weekend. He came up with a reason why the government needs to stop giving money to theater companies, writers and other artists: They produce art that isn't "mainstream." He explained that art that isn't mainstream is unnecessary.

In a nation of more than 200,000 people it must be difficult to determine what the "mainstream" includes. Yet politicians, writers and even college professors are constantly being attacked for being "out of the mainstream."

In other words, if your ideas are different than the majority of Americans, don't proclaim them. If your interpretation of history is unlike what we've already been taught, don't present it. And for God's sake, if you create art that challenges traditionally held values don't expect tax dollars to assist in producing it!

There have always been people who react to new or unusual ideas with fear and hatred. Many of today's politicians and com-

mentators seem eager to debunk an individual whose views are different from "the majority of Americans," as if insight can be judged only by how closely it falls in step with what most of us already think.

Sadly, many young people immediately reject nontraditional



Roark D. Littlefield

interpretations of history and much of the the cultural diversity being explored in our universities. A woman's view of American History? African-American studies? Evidence of the "liberal agenda" waiting in the wings to subvert the mainstream views of our culture!

Conservative leaders in this country, just like their counterparts in China, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union, view intellectuals and artists with suspicion. They want to cut off the pitiful amount of money already allocated to arts and education and then use the media to humiliate

the people who have bravery and imagination enough to stand up and challenge the traditional views.

One of Germany's greatest and most successful artists in the 1920's was movie director Fritz Lang. In the early 1930's he was summoned to appear before Joseph Goebbels.

Terrified, he went into Goebbels' office and listened to an amazing offer. Hitler wanted Lang to head his new movie studio. He would unite the world's filmmakers into one gigantic motion picture industry once Nazis ruled the Earth. Thus Lang stood to become the most powerful artist in the world.

Lang asked for time to consider the offer. When he was released he went home, grabbed whatever loose cash was about and took the last train out of Germany. He left his wife -- a Nazi -- his vast wealth and his famous art collection behind and came to the United States to start over.

He joined the likes of Thomas Mann, Nabakov and many other artists and thinkers. These people enriched American culture, which allowed offbeat or unfashionable work to exist without mandatory conformity to accepted ideas.

It's easy to admire someone whose ideas have been accepted for hundreds of years, but it takes courage to tolerate the crackpot notions and bizarre creations by today's original minds.

Do we really admire originality in America? We often boast that

we do. But witness this week's big pop culture event, the Miss America Pageant. Did any of the contestants seriously consider using the interview to proclaim an original thought? Or were their comments bland and unstimulating?

Did the talent portion of the contest unleash new and creative abilities from the contestants, or did it consist almost entirely of singers who sounded remarkably like thousands of singers already in bountiful supply?

Did the contestants who rated high in the swimsuit competition have different or interesting body types or were they the women whose bodies most closely conformed to the unremarkable "ideal?"

The purpose of this pageant seems to be to give young women standards against which to measure themselves. Wouldn't it be great if originality was one of the standards?

The word mainstream is defined by Webster's Dictionary as "the prevailing current." Today the word is used by conservative speakers and writers to put forth the view that there is one noble ideological and aesthetic path. The majority of people follow it, of course. But there are a few who fall outside established conventions.

These thinkers and artists are frequent subjects of mockery. The meager amount of money and power they possess is often challenged.

Ironically, these individuals play a large role in shaping the mainstream of the future.

the JON and RON show



by Brent Stacking



Faulkner's struggle heroic

"Save the Males." "It's a Girl - 190 Pounds!" "2,000 Bulldogs and One Bitch."

Last August, I had the fortune to be in Charleston, South Carolina, a.k.a., the home of the Citadel. I was also in town during the famed "hell week", or time when new plebes begin classes at the famed institution. Thus, I was around, in person, for the whole Shannon Faulkner ordeal.

The above phrases were ones I observed on bumper stickers, t-shirts, and other various paraphernalia displayed by the locals. How nice. Such maturity out of so many grown men and women, mostly the former.

OK, OK ... I know that people get all upset when it comes to traditions being broken, especially when it happens in their own backyards. But, come on -- does that mean standing for outright sexism?

Shannon Faulkner fought a long and hard battle for her right to become a cadet at the military academy, and I believe her battle was justly won. In fact, there shouldn't have been a battle at all.

The Citadel is a government institution. It is run by taxpayers money, i.e., yours and mine. The same government which wrote a document that, as citizens, we are all created equal, also said that it was not OK for a woman to be admitted to one of its educational establishments.

So, why is it that it has not become OK to accept racism, but it's still fine and dandy to accept sexism?

From the beginning of her struggle, people everywhere were saying, "Why the Citadel? Can't she be happy just going

somewhere else?"

The point is, when it comes to being in the military, there is no other. Coming out of the Citadel



Penny Brown

means that you're one of the best. Shouldn't everyone have the basic freedom to realize their dream of being one of the best?

Throughout all of this, though, the thing I found most disturbing

ican society -- if a woman is not slender, attractive and congenial, she obviously has no worth, even if she has just won the Nobel Prize.

Look around and you'll see it everywhere. Male athletes, at the top and bottom of their games, are noted mostly on their ability to play their chosen sport. Female athletes, however, at the best of their merit, are usually discussed with an underlying emphasis on their appearance.

But it's not only in the world of sports and celebrities. It's in our common lives every day. It's the pressure to look "pretty" every day. It's the concern over gaining a few pounds, of being called "dear" and "honey" by men we do not know and are not endeared by.

It's about being treated unfairly, and even rudely, at businesses everywhere that feel they should be dealing with "only men." Why is it, when I go to buy an air filter for my car and the size I need is on the top shelf, I

you walk down the street, receiving uncomfortable stares from people much bigger and stronger than you (physically, not mentally, mind you).

It's about everyone telling me I would be "so much more attractive" if I would only smile more, would only be just a little more friendly toward everyone.

And so it comes back to Shannon. One voice, one woman, standing up tall with terrible odds against her, and speaking out for all of us everywhere. For showing the world that we're concerned with more than the nicest shade of lipstick for our skin tones or the best cleaner for our kitchen floors.

And, while Shannon met her defeat behind the gates of the Citadel, it won't always be that way, because women are strong. One day, there will be another one of us starting out as a plebe, and she'll make it all the way.

She'll be able to make it through Hell Week. She'll be able to make it through her whole first year. And, one day, she'll graduate.

Hopefully, one day, she can tell her grandchildren how, at one time, it was almost impossible for a woman to get into the Citadel, and they will laugh and say, "No way." It will seem as absurd as slavery, as futile as women not being able to vote. Perhaps history will treat this as it is now trying to treat other cases of extreme bias against minorities.

Way to go, Shannon. I'm with you all the way.

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was the media's (and public's) emphasis on, above all, Shannon's weight and looks. Here's another dandy thing about Amer-

practically have to set something on fire for a salesperson to come over and help me get it down? It's about feeling unsafe when

Campus Corner

Commerce secretary speaking

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown will be the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of Edison Industrial Systems Center (EISC) today at the Radisson Hotel in Toledo.

Brown will speak about the goals of the Commerce Department as they relate to EISC's new division - the Lake Erie Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), which is supported by the National Institute for Standard and Technology (NIST), an agency within the Department of Commerce.

The meeting, which will be attended by approximately 160 business, economic development and community leaders, is open to the public.

Julian Gravino, President of the EISC will also be speaking at the meeting.

It is scheduled to begin at noon.

Ethics conference scheduled

The University Department of Philosophy is holding an ethics conference for minority undergraduate philosophy students Sept. 21-24. Thirteen minority students and four faculty mentors will come to the University to participate in this conference.

The conference is taking place in conjunction with a conference on "self-interest," being sponsored by the Social Philosophy and Policy Center at the University.

The student and faculty members will travel from: New York University, the University of Pennsylvania, Spelman College, Moorehouse College, Clark Atlanta University, Rutgers University, Wayne State University, Fisk University, Mary Baldwin College, Tennessee State University, Hunter College and Fayetteville State University.

The students will attend conferences on Friday and Saturday mornings with some

of the most well-known moral and political philosophers in the country, including Steve Darwell (University of Michigan), David Copp (University of California at Davis), Neera Badhwar (University of Oklahoma), Susan Wolf (John Hopkins University) and David Schmidtz of the University.

Write for television

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Five winners in the television category will receive either a two-day studio visit if their winning script is written for a specific show, have a script read by producers or win a \$1000 award.

Television shows participating in the 1995 competition are: "E.R.," "Seinfeld," "Home Improvement," "Mad About You," "NYPD Blue," "Hangin' With Mr. Cooper," "Law & Order," "Grace Under Fire," "The Commish," "Dream On," "Picket Fences," "Dr. Quinn: Medicine Woman," "Chicago Hope," "Roseanne," "Lois & Clark," "Coach" and "Homicide."

The competition is open to all interested writers.

For more information and an application, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to America's Best, c/o The Writers Foundation, 3936 S. Semoran Blvd. #368 Orlando, FLA 32822.

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Hospitals restrict use of antibiotics

SAN FRANCISCO -- Hospitals across the country are beginning to restrict the use of their most potent antibiotics and isolate their sickest patients to try to stop the evolution of "super bugs" -- germs that resist all known drugs.

Of special concern is the emergence of resistance to vancomycin, an antibiotic that is the sole remaining weapon against some of the most lethal microbes.

The spread of drug-resistant germs is the No. 1 topic among the 12,000 infectious-disease experts at this week's Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology.

"We really are running out of therapeutic options for common diseases," said Dr. Michael Scheld, the conference's program chairman.

For patients, the rise of drug-resistant germs means that the medicine they get for their infection may not make them better. Often, this is little more than an inconvenience. More than 100 antibiotics are now on the market, and if one fails to work, doctors can always switch to another.

However, many fear the time is growing near when there will be no alternative antibiotic in which to turn.

Since people are most likely to catch antibiotic-resistant germs in hospitals, many are developing strategies to control their spread.

Some hospitals, for example, are experimenting with limiting doctors' ability to prescribe vancomycin, since indiscriminate use of the medicine is likely to speed up the evolution of resistant bugs.

Already, some strains of a relatively harmless form of bacteria called *Enterococcus faecium* are resistant to all antibiotics. Occasionally, these germs cause lethal bloodstream infections.

However, they are usually a danger to only the sickest patients, whose immune systems are already weakened.

Far more dangerous is an extremely common hospital-spread bug called *Staphylococcus aureus*. This germ is the leading cause of wound infections after surgery and often causes pneumonia and bloodstream infections.

Unlike enterococcal infections, which often get better without

In Brief

Free Flying



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A drake mallard flaps its wings in the rainbow produced in the spray of a fountain in Woodland Park in Kalispell, Mont. The park is a popular resting spot for migrating water fowl.

treatment, this staph germ can be fatal unless killed with drugs.

And often, the only medicine that will control it is vancomycin, which has been on the market since the 1960s.

The enterococci carry their vancomycin-thwarting ability on tiny loops of genetic material called plasmids. Experts fear that one of these bugs will pass its plasmid to *Staphylococcus aureus*, making it impervious to the last weapon against it.

"The worst fear we have has not happened yet, but there is no guarantee it won't," said Dr. Clyde Thornberry, director of MRL Pharmaceutical Services in Franklin, Tenn., which monitors antibiotic resistance worldwide.

Resistant bugs are most likely to afflict the sickest patients, such as those in intensive care units and cancer wards. Several reports on efforts to stop the spread of vancomycin-resistant enterococci to these patients were presented Monday.

Typically, hospitals are at-

tempting to identify patients who already carry resistant enterococci when they are admitted so they can be put in private rooms or otherwise separated from other patients.

Some hospitals are requiring stricter use of gloves and gowns when seeing patients. Some separate their staffs, so nurses exclusively see only patients with or without the resistant bacteria.

At a hospital affiliated with New York Medical College, where several controls were started in the cancer unit, the number of new exposures to vancomycin-resistant enterococci was cut in half.

Safety course may be required for boaters

FREMONT, Ohio -- A state lawmaker wants boaters to take a safety course before they hit the waterways.

Boater education would reduce the number of accidents, Rep. Rex Damschroder, R-Fremont,

said Monday.

"I don't think it's a cure-all, but it's a good start. We have to do something. There are just too many accidents," he said.

Damschroder plans to introduce a bill next month that would require anyone operating a boat with more than a 10 horsepower engine to complete a safety course.

He said the bill includes exemptions for previous boat owners and people who already have taken safety courses.

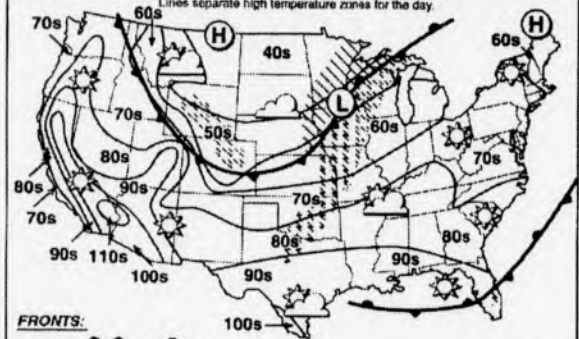
The Ohio legislation is based on laws in other states, including Connecticut, Michigan and Indiana.

"We've been working on this all summer, meeting with all the major boating organizations. So far, the reaction's been very positive," Damschroder said.

The Ohio Division of Watercraft, the U.S. Coast Guard, boating organizations and law enforcement agencies will discuss the bill at a public forum Thursday at Terra Community College.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Sept. 19.



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WARDS

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S.E. Johnson, for a pre-construction meeting.

"There is a concern with the paving on North College because of the construction on Thurstin," Blair said. "Thurstin will have to be completed before work on North College begins."

After the contract has been signed, the street workers will

have 45 days to complete all 10 streets.

"Each road will take about a day or a day-and-a-half to pave," Blair said.

Mayor Wesley Hoffman reminded the council that the 1995 Merchant Fair will be today from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the University Grand Ballroom.

SIDEWALK

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services and the simple boundaries of Wooster and Main make the system simple.

"The ward system works very good for the city of Bowling Green because the city not only provide utilities services to our residents, but we also provide

rubbish and recycling collection services based on that system," Smith said.

Hoffman said one change that could be made to totally level the playing field would be to switch to an at-large system. This would result in all of the Council mem-

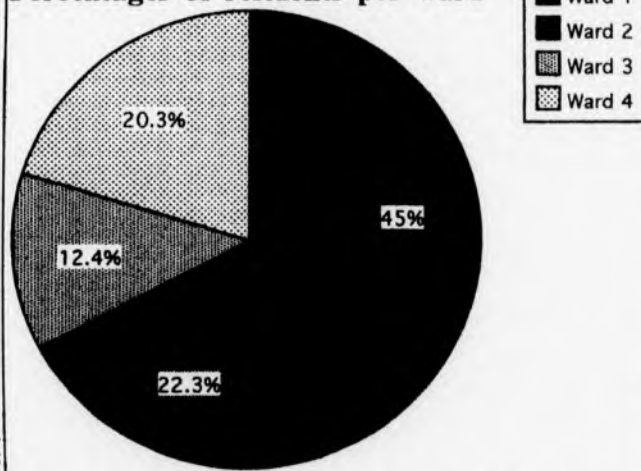
bers being elected by the entire population. He said such a system would probably not be in the best interest of the students.

"I don't think that would be advantages to the students," Hoffman said. "Because of their voting patterns, I don't think you

would wind up with anymore students on the Council.

"Right now, under the present system, if the students would vote they could elect at least two ward councilmen and possibly three at-large," Hoffman said.

Percentages of residents per ward



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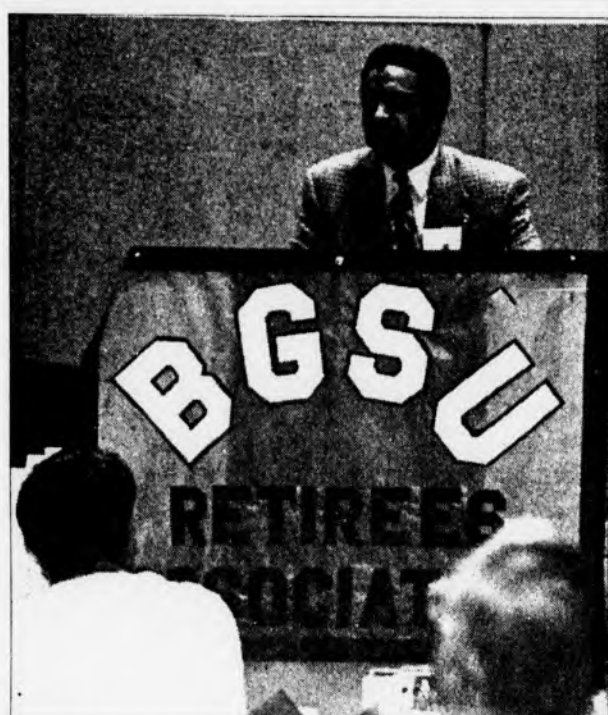
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University President Sidney Ribeau speaks at the BGSU Retiree Association's kickoff convention Monday afternoon at Olscamp Hall.

Senior's efforts rewarded

Help-A-Child program survives cancellation threat

Genell Pavelich
The BG News

The Help-A-Child program through the University offers education majors the opportunity to work one on one with students of different ages and tutor them. The program, which was going to be cancelled this year, was saved thanks to a petition started by one concerned student.

Amy Fernandez, a senior elementary education major, was upset when she found out the program might be cancelled because she said it is a wonderful experience for students.

"This is a good chance for students to find out whether education is what they want to go into," she said. "Students have the opportunity to work one on one and implement their ideas."

The program, which is offered with Educational Psychology, is one of the few field experiences for education majors, Fernandez said.

"This is an important program because it is one of the only pre-service experiences students have," she said.

Linda Glaviano, assistant director of the Help-A-Child program, said the program is a bene-

fit to the students and the community.

"This experience gives the college student the chance to work with one student for 14 sessions and give them individualized help," she said.

Glaviano also said it can help students decide if teaching is the right occupation for them because they will be responsible for coming up with lessons for the child they tutor.

"In a teaching type of experience such as this, the student gets the opportunity to develop lesson plans and find out if they really like teaching," she said.

Glaviano said the program was one among many that was going to be cancelled due to state funding being cut.

Fernandez, who participated in the program her sophomore year, wrote the petition to save the program and received 400 signatures before turning it in this summer. She said she received a lot of support in putting the petition together.

"A lot of people I talked to didn't know the program was going to be cancelled," she said. "Almost everyone wanted it saved because it is such a good experience."

Former teachers meet again

BGSU Retirees Association gets kick-start with luncheon

Heather Cvengros
The BG News

The BGSU Retirees Association celebrated its official beginning with its first convocation and luncheon on Monday afternoon.

BGSURA is an organization for eligible University retired faculty and staff to contribute to the general welfare and quality of life of its members.

Members said they want to accomplish this during retirement

through social, service, health, recreational, cultural and goodwill activities carried out under the guidance of its Board of Directors.

The entertainment was provided by the Only Four Wise Guys, the University's national winners Barber Shop Quartet.

University President Sidney Ribeau welcomed about 150 in at-

tendance to the first luncheon.

"The faculty in this room have given much to the University as well as benefited from the University," Ribeau said. "You are the foundation which we must build from."

Ribeau said he believes teaching is a gratifying and rewarding experience. Ribeau also said he values the commitment given by

each member.

"The University values what you've contributed - we would like you to be involved in any way beyond the classroom," Ribeau said. "The University continues to need you and any time you need me, you can call on me for support."

Sam Cooper, University Retirees founder and executive director, said he was very pleased with the outcome.

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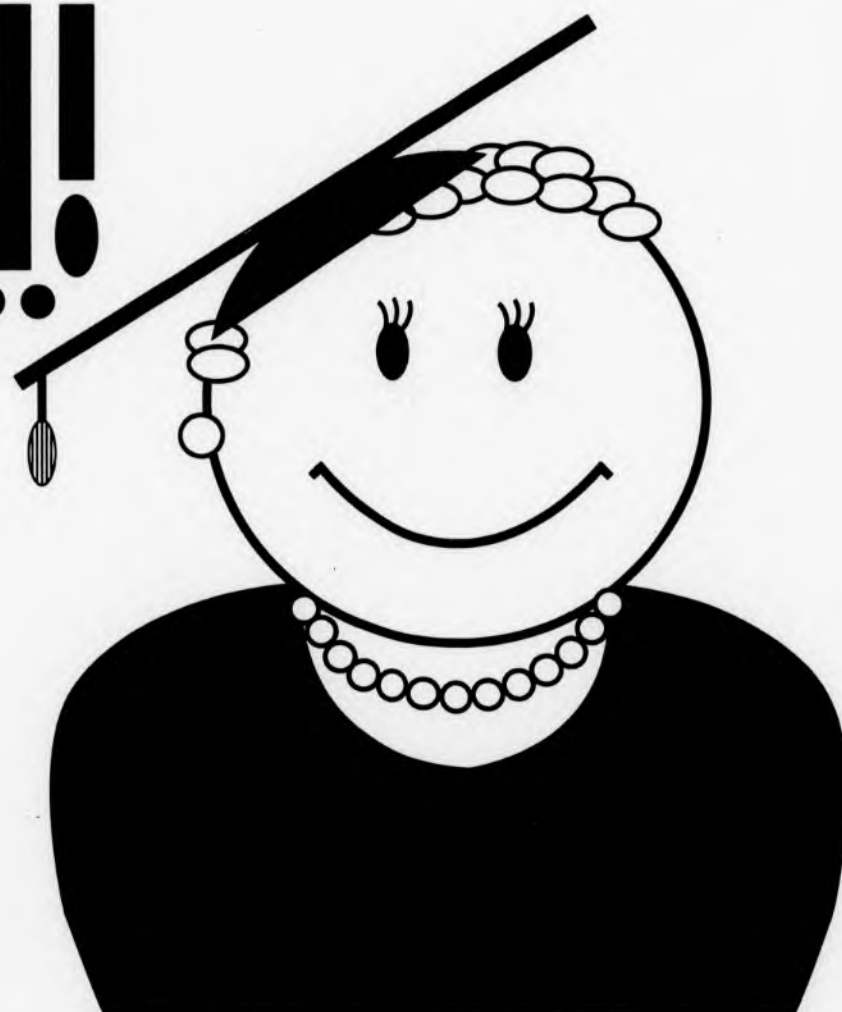
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UNIVERSITY BILLS PASSED

Senate Acts Favorably on Adding and New College Graduate Courses



Bowling Green was almost the University that wasn't.

In the mid-1930s, as the economy worsened and the underclass grew, BG and Kent were under consideration to become, in effect, giant homeless shelters.

The Bee Gee News opposed this move, along with alumni and students. Two years later their tenacity paid off, and Bowling Green became a University.

However, along with the jubilation for becoming one of the few universities in Ohio came a twinge of reality as budget cut forced The Key to cease production for a year, and the Bee Gee News ran no pictures on the front page.

However, judging from the articles in the papers of this five-year period, students weren't going to let a little thing like economic calamity stop them from having a good time. There were still funerals for dorm room pets and the obligatory "we're not here to learn" columns.

And football stadium namesake Doyt Perry was the "Most Beautiful Man on Campus."

Enjoy this page and these five years- I'm sure it's a lot easier for us to enjoy them than it was for the students at that time.

--Joe Boyle

Dorm Mourns Death of its Pet Monkey

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Sadness and grief was that of Miss Lenore Burgett because of the death of her pet monkey, George, who died January 6.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in Shatzel Hall. Immediate friends and family were present at the funeral, among which were Gertrude Frederick, Aunts Nina Joseph, Mary Ellen Cressy, Cousins Lucille Schuedt and Rosemary Young.

Beautiful floral offerings were sent.

Dr. Grace Frederick officiated. Rock of Ages and Nearer My God To Thee were rendered by the choir. The pallbearers were Evelyn Craw and Ruth Tracy.

Interment was made in Shatzel cemetery.

Hoover Elected in BG Straw Poll

"Keep him on the job" is the decision made in the straw vote last Thursday. President Hoover received 219 votes. Five hundred were cast.

Norman Thomas, the Socialist candidate, ran second with 132 votes, while the New York governor, the genial Franklin Roosevelt, came in third with 121 votes.

Other candidates for president received: Gen. Jacob Coxey, Farmer-Laborite, two votes; Hon. Wm. David Upshaw, Prohibition candidate, two votes; Reynolds, Social-Laborite, one vote.

A close check by the managers of the election reveals no fraudulent voting. Five hundred votes were cast. Four ballots, despite their simplicity, were marked wrongly and therefore thrown out. This is a good sign; only four out of the 500 thought we have more than one president of the United States.

This election may also prove the influence of parents on the decisions of youth. Northwest Ohio is in normal times decidedly Republican. Hence, the Republican victory maybe due to the conservative background at home.

22 MAY 35

Amended House bills 324 and 325 were considered by the Senate on the afternoon of May 15. The vote on HB 324 was 28-0 in favor, and the vote on HB 325 was 27-0 in favor. This is nearly as unanimous a vote as it is possible to have.

The appropriation bill for this college was also considered by the House Wednesday afternoon and an amendment was offered giving the college \$2,250 a year or a total of \$4,500 for grading, seeding and beautification of the campus.

It is worthy of notice that these bills which bring many advantages to Bowling Green and Kent passed both the House and Senate without a dissenting vote. The interests of other educational institutions might well have attempted to block the vote. However, such was not the case and the college is appreciative of the disinterested support of other sections of the state.

All legislation except appropriation bills are subject to referendum unless an emergency clause is attached to the bill. The emergency clause requires a special vote. There is no particular reason preventing this legislation from taking effect immediately. It will go into effect 90 days after the governor has signed the bills.

The unanimity of the vote indicates that there is no possibility of a referendum being called. The Governor is a resident of Kent and as a personal interest in the colleges; therefore one would suppose he will doubtless promptly sign the bills.

The annual catalogue which is issued in May has been delayed in order to incorporate the changes which the legislation will make in the institution. This means the provisions for graduate study leading to a Master's Degree, and the organization of a course of study in the College of Business Administration.

The passage of the University bills by the Senate was celebrated with a parade by the whole college Thursday afternoon. Everyone gathered on the steps of the Administration Building steps to practice some new yells and sing the Alma Mater.

In a long line that stretched two blocks the students and the faculty followed the band to Main Street. After President Williams expressed his gratitude for the loyalty shown, the jubilant crowd dispersed.

Bowling Green is Stronger than Ever

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Bowling Green State College has just passed the big hurdle in this latest race of its experience. The officials of the state have assured us that the college is safe for the present.

All the delegations which have visited officials have found very few individuals who favor any change whatsoever in the status of Bowling Green. Reports pouring in from all over the state are full of doubt as to the wisdom of the welfare proposal. There is a growing confidence that Bowling Green will never be a welfare institution.

It is well known by this time that the Welfare Section of the House Finance Committee made personal visits to the four state colleges to obtain information as to the advisability of converting one of them into a welfare institution. Their reasons for such a move seem to be based on an urgent need for added facilities to care for the state's unfortunates.

Since the teacher training institutes are running just a little ahead of the demand at present, it appears to this committee that one of those colleges could afford them the necessary accommodations.

Realizing the disastrous effect on Northwestern Ohio and Bowling Green, friends of the school everywhere are rising unanimously to protest such a change.

Students urged to attend parties

Strange as it may seem, some people go to college to study. Absurd. College is the place to attain culture. Such is the condition of the present writer.

Despite what other writers might think, Bowling Green is sadly lacking a cultural air. Frankly, the clientele of the college comes from the proletariat homes of Northwest Ohio, a fact of which we are all justly proud. Yet our previous environment has not been like that of students who attend Vassar or Yale. We have not been bountifully blessed with material goods. We have grown to young adulthood by the sweat on yonder brow.

There are many conceptions and ideals of true culture. Environment has a direct bearing upon our cultural attainments before and after entering college.

We, who are now in college, are to be the doctors, lawyers and teachers of tomorrow. Obviously, nearly all of these are in the category of public service, which means that in a measure of our future success will depend on our social adaptability. Then why should we hear opportunity knocking with a continuous thud and remain in our comfortable chairs, book in hand, afraid to open the door.

Go to parties, then; they are for you. You may prefer to remain at home to procure A's, but are grades all of learning? The energetic, ambitious fellow or girl goes the second mile, attends every social function on the calendar, and comes home to answer the professor's questions easily on the morrow.

Contest Winners Are Announced

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At last the Bee Gee News announces the winners of the recent campus beauty contest, and at this time is proud to announce Miss Jane O'Leary, a sophomore from Toledo, as most beautiful co-ed on campus.

Doyt Perry, a junior from Columbus, was chosen as the Apollo of the men. Mr. Perry is also one of the college's foremost athletes, having received letters in football, basketball and baseball. He is a member of the Five Brothers fraternity, and is otherwise socially prominent.

The editor wishes to thank the winners for the fine modest spirit they have shown as winners of this contest.

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Frank Hetzer dances with his daughter Stephanie to the tune of "Wine, Women and Song" played by the Cincinnati Civic Orchestra during Oktoberfest celebrations Sunday.

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Former Nazi allowed to stay

Judge says obeying orders not proof of bad character

Rich Harris
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND -- Service as a guard in Nazi concentration camps is not enough reason to deny a person U.S. citizenship, a federal judge ruled Monday.

U.S. District Judge Ann Aldrich said the government failed to prove that George Lindert, 73, necessarily had a bad moral character because he had been a guard at the labor camps at Mauthausen and Loibl Pass in Austria.

"This court will not judge a person's moral character based solely on the orders issued to that person," Aldrich wrote.

Justice Department spokesman John Russell said the government had not decided whether to appeal. But Russell knew of no previous ruling that had been upheld on appeal in which an admitted Nazi guard had been permitted to retain his citizenship.

"He never disclosed the fact of his concentration camp service when he applied to come to the United States, or when he applied for U.S. citizenship," Russell said. "We don't believe a person of this type should be allowed to remain here."

Lindert, who settled in Canfield in eastern Ohio after the war, said Monday he was happy with the decision.

He said he was afraid Aldrich would rule against him.

"But I had a good faith because I told myself that the judge is a very fair judge," he said.

The government had argued that service in any place where prisoners were persecuted was evidence of bad moral character. Prisoners were essentially worked to death in a stone quarry at Mauthausen; government lawyers said during Lindert's trial that guards sometimes amused themselves by kicking prisoners down the quarry's stone steps to their deaths.

At Loibl Pass, prisoners were forced to build a tunnel through a mountain.

An ethnic German born in Romania in 1922, Lindert was conscripted into the Waffen SS in 1942. He worked at Mauthausen until mid-1943, then at Loibl Pass until the war ended in 1945.

Lindert testified earlier this year that his only job in the camps was to patrol outside the perimeter fence, so far away he could not see what happened inside.

Government witnesses had questioned the likelihood that a guard would have only one assignment in three years. OSI lawyers scoffed at the notion Lindert could share a barracks with other SS guards and not know what was happening to prisoners.

But Aldrich said she believed Lindert's testimony that he never saw or heard of a prisoner being mistreated, or participated in mistreatment himself.

"Significantly, in this case, the government has produced no evidence that Lindert ever fired his gun or took any other action hostile to a prisoner," Aldrich wrote.

"A person's actions or decisions may form a basis upon which a court could judge that person's character. ... The government is burdened with showing clear, convincing and unequivocal evidence to support the assertion that Lindert's moral character was irreparably soiled by his actions or inactions while he was a guard."

OSI lawyers also had argued that Lindert hid his service in the Waffen SS. Lindert's visa application, under "places of previous residence," states "1942-1945 with German Army" a vague description the government said was intended to hide the nature of Lindert's wartime activities.

The German army, the Wehrmacht, was a separate organization from the Waffen SS.

But Aldrich found that the Wehrmacht and Waffen SS were branches of the German armed forces. The distinction between "army" and "armed forces" is not very clear, "particularly when considered from the perspective of a petitioner with a limited education and only moderate proficiency in English," she said.

Railroad signs disappearing

The Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio -- Thieves are making off with a new type of railroad crossing sign, threatening a statewide test of their effectiveness.

Tod Darfus of the Ohio Rail Development Commission said as many as 150 signs have been stolen across the state in the last year. He said most of them were the new Buckeye Crossbuck signs, which have a reflective, angled shield with a "yield" sign below the traditional crossbuck.

Traditional warnings updated, tested at 3,717 Ohio crossings

The Buckeye Crossbuck is being tested against an updated version of the traditional sign that uses reflective materials but does not include the angled shield. The test is to be conducted at the 3,717 Ohio railroad crossings not equipped with lights and gates.

The sign is so named because it

was designed by an Ohio railroad engineer. Darfus said initial reports from railroad employees indicate that the Buckeye signs are effective, since the angled shield reflects light from trains' headlights, alerting motorists to oncoming trains.

The three-year test, however, can start only when all the signs

are installed. That is to be done by the end of the year.

Each sign costs \$500 to replace. Darfus said the scrap value of the aluminum could be attracting the thieves, or the thieves could be railroad buffs or teen-agers.

Darfus said no accidents had been reported as a result of the thefts. But he said the absence of the signs could lead to one.

Ohio law sets a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$2,500 fine if the theft or vandalism of a traffic sign causes physical harm.

RETIREES

Continued from page four.

"The luncheon was a great kick-off for the start of a great organization," Cooper said.

The primary goal of the organization is to contribute to the welfare and quality of life of the retirees, Cooper said.

This goal will be maintained through programs and events such as monthly luncheons, bicycle hikes, offering expertise to students as former teachers and classes and taking part in artistic and cultural activities within the area.

Cooper was first inspired to form a retirees association two

years ago when he was invited to attend a meeting with a group of retirees at Ohio State University.

The retirees represented most of the 15 state-supported public higher education institutions who were in the process of putting together a state-wide organization of higher education retirees.

During this two-year period, quarterly meetings of the group resulted in the formation of The Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees.

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Klaas trial gets change of venue

The Associated Press

SANTA ROSA, Calif. -- A man accused of kidnapping and killing 12-year-old Polly Klaas will be tried in another county, a judge ruled today, after two months of fruitless efforts to seat an unbiased jury.

Superior Court Judge Lawrence Antolini granted the change of venue after prosecutors said today they would stop fighting efforts by Richard Allen Davis' lawyers to move the trial from Sonoma County.

Davis, a 41-year-old parolee, is accused of abducting Polly at knifepoint from a slumber party at her home in Petaluma on Oct. 1, 1993. A nationwide search ended two months later, when he led officers to her body.

Davis has pleaded innocent, but police say he admitted the crime, which could affect whether he receives the death penalty if convicted.

The case led to a crackdown on repeat offenders around the country with "three strikes" laws.

Antolini's brief order cited only a statute allowing a change of venue if a fair and impartial trial in the county in which the crime occurred appears impossible.

Jury selection began July 11

with a pool of 8,500 possible jurors.

Antolini suspended the jury selection last week after clearing only 35 residents for the final stages of interviews. Even though he closed many of the pretrial hearings to reporters, Antolini said many prospective jurors still said they had difficulty avoiding news about the case.

He said in a courtroom discussion Sept. 9 that a change of venue was likely.

"I do not see the court has a lot of options," he said, noting that most of the prospective jurors interviewed to that point had heard reports that Davis confessed to killing the girl.

"The amount of jurors that are aware of the confession, and that's almost everyone, is amazing. And the awareness of his guilt is staggering," Antolini said.

Until today, prosecutors had opposed moving the trial, saying their polling showed Sonoma County residents could put aside their opinions about the killing.

Davis' lawyers insisted their surveys showed an overwhelming majority of Sonoma County residents believed Davis was guilty. They said the jury selection process confirmed the findings.

NKU draws Bugfest 1995

Volkswagen honored in celebration

The Associated Press

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. -- As Cincinnati conducted its annual Oktoberfest, a little German car was being celebrated across the Ohio River in northern Kentucky.

Bugfest 1995, sponsored by the Cincinnati Volkswagen Club, drew 300 people and their Volkswagens to Northern Kentucky University on Sunday.

The Volkswagens ranged from some of the earliest Beetles to arrive in the United States in the 1950s to customized VWs with high-horsepower engines and wild paint jobs.



Glenn Hartong/AP Photo
Matt Angert of Cincinnati looks over vintage Volkswagen Beetles at a VW show at Northern Kentucky University on Sunday.

Hans Jansen, 68, a retired Beetle.

baker from the Cincinnati suburb of Madeira, brought his recently restored, cream-colored 1964

"It was purchased new in Frankfurt (Germany) by my father-in-law," Jansen said. "He

had it shipped back here after he and his wife traveled for a while."

Jansen, a native of northern Germany, said he can't explain why so many people still like a car originally produced by the Nazi government before World War II.

"I just don't know why," he said with a shrug. "I travel to Germany regularly and there are many more (Volkswagens) in the U.S. than in Germany. Some of the Beetles in Germany came from the U.S."

Bugfest 1995 attracted VW fans from as far away as Florida and Canada.

"I drove here in about six hours," said Frank Serra, 35, from Leamington, Ontario, just north of Windsor.

"If I can sell it, I'll start working on a new project," Serra said. By that, he meant another Volkswagen.

Trial slowly moving for Ito

Linda Deutsch
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES -- O.J. Simpson prosecutors closed their rebuttal case Monday, and the defense prepared to fight back with new witnesses, including a reputed mob enforcer once linked with Nicole Brown Simpson's sister.

The prosecution reserved the right to call more witnesses because the defense has not completed its initial presentation.

Jury grows restless as defense, prosecution call more witnesses

Judge Lance Ito, worried about the restless jury, wants to keep the trial moving.

The defense, which wants to use the reputed mob witness to undermine the credibility of the lead detective, began its own rebuttal by recalling blood splatter expert Herbert MacDonell to the stand.

Defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr., outlining witnesses he wants to call before the defense rests, named Anthony "Tony the Animal" Fiato, who testified as an informer in a recent mob trial and was placed in the federal witness protection program.

Sources close to the case said Fiato would relate a conversation in which Detective Philip Vannatter admitted he considered Simpson a suspect in the murders of his ex-wife and Ron Goldman before police entered Simpson's estate without a warrant.

The defense has argued that the search was illegal, but detectives insisted they made their urgent entry to inform Simpson of his ex-wife's death and arrange for the care of the couple's young children.

Jurors weren't immediately aware of the latest twist as they sat stone-faced through tedious

cross-examination of the prosecution's final rebuttal witness, FBI footwear expert William Bodziak. Bodziak refused to budge from his opinion that only one type of shoe could be identified at the murder scene.

"If there were any other shoes at the scene they would have left dark impressions which got lighter and lighter," Bodziak said.

He refused to retreat from his criticism of defense expert Henry Lee, suggesting during cross-examination that Lee's conclusions were misleading.

Defense attorney Barry Scheck angrily challenged Bodziak at one point, noting he had not read transcripts of Lee's testimony and only saw portions on TV.

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Henry not certain for CMU rematch

Scott Brown
The BG News

There is still some question as to whether quarterback Ryan Henry will be ready to play for this week's grudge match at Central Michigan (Saturday, 1 p.m. kickoff), but Falcon coach Gary Blackney expressed confidence in just that Monday at his weekly press conference.

Henry missed Saturday's rout of Akron with a bruised shoulder. Redshirt freshman Bob Niemet filled in ably in the convincing 50-12 rout of the Zips, but Blackney hopes his third-year starter will be back in full form.

"He'll throw [Monday, Tuesday] and Wednesday," Blackney explained. "Hopefully he'll be able to do the things he needs to do at least by Wednesday. I haven't entertained that thought [Henry not starting again]."

Blackney said the same thing last week about Henry being ready, but the stakes are higher this week as they take on the Chippewas -- the only Mid-American Conference team to beat Blackney in his five-year tenure.

Niemet will still get a fair amount of snaps this week in practice, but as of Monday Blackney was looking to Henry as the starter.

"Bobby is going to work as our backup quarterback," Blackney said. "The backup gets as much practice time as the starter does, anyway."

The team will be close to full strength for the game, as fullback Darius Card and linebacker Brian Manns will return after missing the Akron game. Fullback Michael Parker is questionable after injuring an ankle against the Zips, but the rushing game isn't much concern after the Falcons rushed for 397 yards in the win.

The 397 yards constitutes the most by a Bowling Green

team since Darryl Story's school-record 225 against Ball State in 1983.

Blackney singled out a few players who he thought did an exceptional job in the rout of Akron. The tandem of David Farrall and Cory Kettler at right guard will continue to platoon. Blackney has been pleased with the play of each.

"There are some things that Kettler does better than Farrall and there are some things that Farrall does better than Kettler," Blackney said. "You'll see a lot of each of those players."

"It's always been a very hardhitting, tough-nosed football game."

Gary Blackney

Bowling Green head football coach

Willie Watson also played himself into a spot at defensive end.

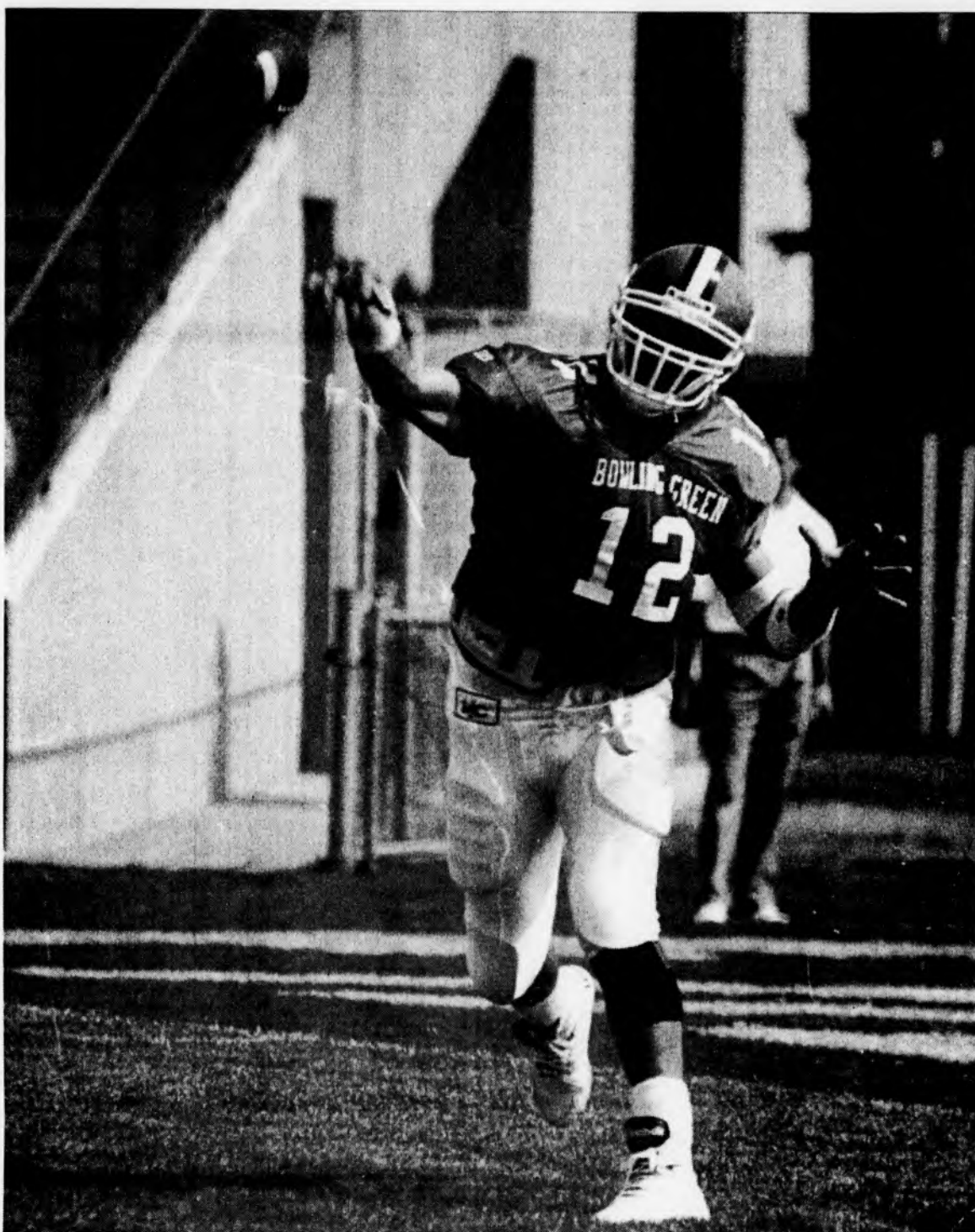
"We were really happy with Willie Watson," Blackney said.

Wide receiver Scott Thompson is listed as questionable for the game with an injured ankle. X-rays taken on Monday came back negative, but Thompson will wear a special boot until Wednesday, when a final decision will be made.

Thompson broke his foot in the same place in high school.

The CMU-BG game has quickly become one of the MAC's best rivalries in the past few years. Central has won the past two meetings, including last year's memorable 'Fake Punt Game', which the Chippewas won 36-33 at Perry Stadium to take away the MAC title.

"It's always been a very hard-hitting, tough-nosed football game," Blackney said.



Bowling Green quarterback Bob Niemet throws a pass against Akron last Saturday.

The BG News/Jon Rasbach

Bengals' season gets tougher Realignment alters baseball playoff run

Joe Kay
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI -- Their luck has run out. Their record is no longer perfect. The tough part of the schedule is at hand.

Now everybody gets to find out what the Cincinnati Bengals are really made of.

Was their shaky 2-0 start a mirage? Or was their mistake-filled 24-21 loss Sunday in Seattle an indication of what to expect from now on?

The Bengals are wondering along with everyone else as they approach the tough part of their schedule: eight 1994 playoff teams in the last 13 games.

"We aren't world class just yet," president Mike Brown said Monday. "But at least we go out and we play teams on an even-up basis. That's what we've seen these first three weeks. Whether that will continue when we begin to play last year's playoff teams -- the teams considered the top teams -- is something we have to see."

No one can guess how it will go because the Bengals have looked dramatically better than their sad-sack predecessors at times, even worse at other times:

■ They went 0-for-9 on third down in the opener at Indianapolis and gave up a game-tying touchdown drive and 2-point conversion at the end of regulation, but turned three interceptions, a safety and an interference penalty into a 24-21 overtime win.

■ They trailed the Jacksonville Jaguars for most of the first half on their home field, got up by a pair of touchdowns, then barely held on to beat the expansion team 24-17.

■ They let the previously winless Seahawks roll up 406 yards (their best total in seven years), and were just 4-for-16 on third

down Sunday. Jeff Blake ran and passed the Bengals to a touchdown and had them in field-goal range, but Doug Pelfrey missed a potential tying field goal from 49 yards with 1:18 left.

It's been the same story all three weeks: a flawed team needing breaks and opponents' mistakes to win.

"We aren't world class just yet. But at least we go out and we play teams on an even-up basis."

Mike Brown

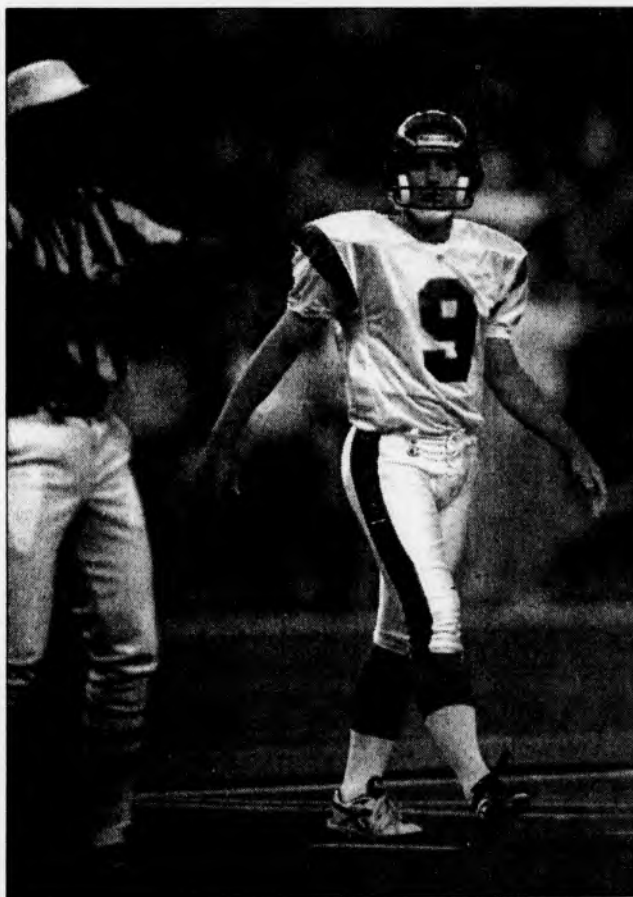
Cincinnati Bengals president

"We've played just a little bit better than our opponents in two games and not quite good enough in one," coach Dave Shula said Monday. "We feel that we're going to have to fight and scratch every ballgame. We're going to have to be at the top of our game, which I don't think we were in this game."

They were the first to admit that their opening win over Indianapolis was more a matter of good fortune than good play. Last week, no one celebrated an ugly win over an expansion team.

There was at least a sense that luck was on their side both weeks, a refreshing change from the last two years. The Bengals felt star-crossed during consecutive 3-13 seasons.

Their luck wavered and finally crashed Sunday. Pelfrey's 38-yard attempt smacked off the right upright, tight end Tony McGee let a pass slip off his hands in the closing minutes to



AP photo/Bill Chan

Cincinnati Bengals kicker Doug Pelfrey walks off the field after missing a 49-yard field goal attempt with 1:23 left in the fourth quarter Sunday.

thwart the final drive, and Pelfrey's 49-yarder was wide right by about a foot.

Last year, Pelfrey kicked six field goals at the Kingdome for a 20-17 win in overtime. No such luck this time.

"I was thinking I was going to make it. It was deja vu," Pelfrey

said Monday. "I felt I was going to send this thing into overtime and we were going to win another game with a field goal. This is the first time that I've flat-out missed one. I hate it."

"That's what separates the good teams from the bad: We just didn't make plays."

Ronald Blum
The Associated Press

NEW YORK -- Without realignment and the expanded playoffs, the Philadelphia Phillies and Chicago Cubs would be tied for first place in the NL East. Colorado, Los Angeles, Houston, Boston and the New York Yankees would have no chance for the postseason, and Cincinnati would have just a glimmer of hope.

The entire NL East would be under .500. Montreal and the New York Mets would be in a pennant race.

Cleveland and Atlanta wouldn't have clinched their playoffs spots yet.

"Everything would be different," said Boston Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington, the architect of the new postseason format.

Before 1969, it was all very simple. There were no divisions. The pennant winners met in the World Series.

For the next 25 years, each league was split into two divisions, and the division winners met for the right to play in the World Series.

Now, with wild-card berths and eight teams qualifying for the postseason, you can't figure out October without a chart.

Cleveland, in the postseason for the first time in 41 years, now has to win two postseason series before it gets into the World Series. Under the old plan, the Indians would have been one series away.

"You could run into a club that has a dominant pitcher," Indians

general manager John Hart said. Still, he likes the new system.

"Sure there's a lot of ways to think about it," he said. "For fan interest, it's absolutely a success."

If the old alignment still existed, the Phillies would lead the NL East with a 65-67 record, less than a percentage point ahead of the Cubs at 64-66. The Expos and Mets would be tied for third, three games back with 13 left to play.

Atlanta would lead Cincinnati by five games in the NL West. The Rockies would trail by 13, the Dodgers by 14 and the Astros by 15.

Cleveland would have the AL East just about wrapped up, leading the Red Sox by 11 and the Yankees by 23. Only the AL West would be similar: the Angels three games ahead of the Mariners and four ahead of the Rangers. Kansas City also would be four games back heading into the final two weeks.

"I think it's a success," said acting commissioner Bud Selig. "It will only get better."

Two years ago, only the Rangers voted against the new plan. George W. Bush, then a Rangers general partner and now the governor of Texas, is a traditionalist. He thinks a team should have to win something to get into the postseason.

Critics claimed that sub-.500 teams would be able to win the World Series. Ironically, the way things worked out, that won't happen under the new format but might have happened under the old system.

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Holtz returns to Irish practice

The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. -- Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz was back at practice Monday, six days after having spinal surgery.

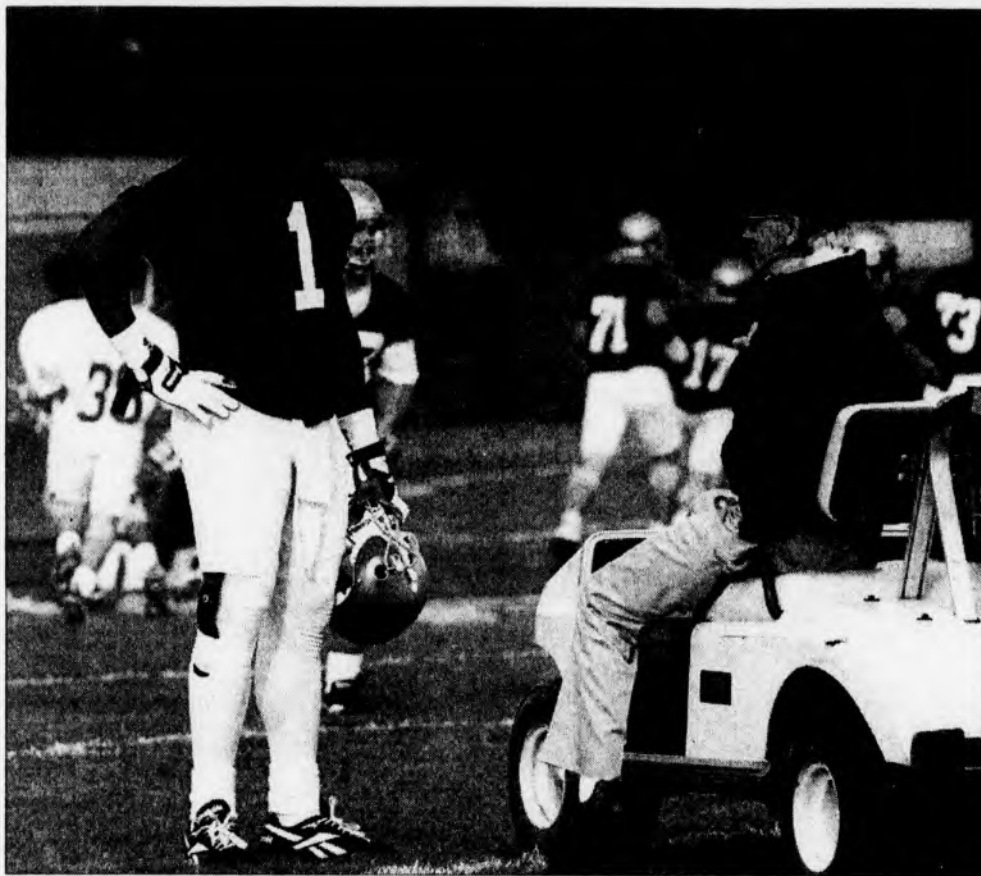
A neck brace was the only visible sign of Holtz's health problems. The East Liverpool, Ohio, native pulled up to practice in his golf cart as usual, occasionally getting out when he saw a player doing something he didn't like.

On Sept. 12, Holtz underwent surgery to relieve pressure on his spinal cord, a problem that could have left him paralyzed. He was released from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., on Saturday and arrived in South Bend that day, although he went home and didn't attend the 21st-ranked Fighting Irish's 41-0 victory over Vanderbilt.

Doctors have ordered Holtz to take it easy as he recuperates, and he has promised not to do anything to jeopardize his health. He said he planned to work about four hours a day this week if he felt up to it, dividing his time between the office and the practice field.

Doctors have ordered Holtz not to drive a car for six weeks because he cannot turn his neck, but he is allowed to drive a golf cart, school spokesman Mike Enright said.

Holtz is not supposed to coach for at least three weeks, and he said he probably will watch Saturday's game against No. 13 Texas from the press box rather than the sidelines. There is no in-



Notre Dame receiver Derrick Mayes greets coach Lou Holtz upon his return to the practice field in South Bend, Ind.

dication of whether he will travel to Ohio State for Notre Dame's Sept. 30 game there.

Doctors discovered a bone

growth was compressing Holtz's spinal cord after he complained of weakness in his leg and arm muscles.

During a 4 1/2-hour operation last Tuesday, doctors removed a disc in Holtz's neck that was bulging against his spinal cord.

Dallas sued by NFL for "deals"

The Associated Press

NEW YORK-- The NFL, calling the Dallas Cowboys' recent agreements with Nike and Pepsi "ambush marketing deals," sued the team Monday for more than \$300 million.

The suit was filed in federal court in New York following a unanimous vote of the five club executives who make up the executive committee of NFL Properties, the league's marketing arm.

In a move that clearly escalates the feud between the NFL and maverick Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, the lawsuit seeks to prevent the Cowboys, Jones and Texas Stadium from further damaging NFL Properties.

The NFL wants the court to order the defendants to stop violating their agreements with NFL

Properties regarding club marks and logos, and prevent the defendants from signing any additional deals that undermine existing NFL sponsorship or licensing contracts.

"The Cowboys have made it clear through their recent actions and statements that they want to change the basic manner in which NFL Properties does business," said Roger Headrick, executive committee chairman of NFL Properties.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said Jones was en route to Atlanta for an NFL owners meeting. He added that while the team is aware of the suit, it would

not immediately comment.

This season, the Cowboys have clashed with the league by selling Pepsi rather than the league-sanctioned Coca-Cola at Texas

Stadium. In signing with Nike, the team ignored Players Inc., the licensing arm of the NFL Players Association.

"The effect of the recent ambush marketing deals signed by Jerry Jones has been to undermine existing NFL Properties sponsorships and contracts that were made on behalf of all 30 clubs and to inhibit NFL Properties' future arrangements,"

Headrick added.

"Our sponsors and licensees keep asking us whether we are representing all 30 NFL clubs, or just 29 in competition with the Cowboys. We asked the court to make it clear that the Cowboys should not take any further action that damages the relationship between NFL Properties and its current and future licensees and sponsors."

Browns' offense rebounds for win

Chuck Melvin
The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio -- Bad as his offense might have looked in the first half, coach Bill Belichick liked the way his Cleveland Browns responded when they absolutely had to.

"I think the best thing about the game was, when we needed to have it there in the fourth quarter, we stepped up our play," Belichick said Monday, reflecting on Sunday's 14-7 victory in Houston. "That's when the game was on the line. That's when we had to perform well. We made big plays running and throwing the ball."

The Oilers tied the game 7-7 on Haywood Jeffries' leaping reception of a 4-yard pass from Will Furrer with 12 minutes remaining.

But on an afternoon that had been dominated by defense -- Cleveland had 93 yards of total offense in the first half -- the Browns responded immediately with their only long scoring drive, starting it with Leroy Hoard's 12-yard run and ending five plays later when Vinny Testaverde connected with Michael Jackson on a

35-yard touchdown pass.

It was Testaverde's second touchdown pass of the game and his sixth of the year, against just one interception. He has thrown two TD passes in each of his last four regular-season games, tying a career high he set in 1991 with Tampa Bay.

"I think Vinny's been playing well, no question about it," Belichick said. "We've hit big plays, long touchdowns, in each of the three games now. We hit them in preseason, too. To me, when the defense is up close to the line of scrimmage, that's the time to throw behind them."

Belichick said it's too early to be concerned about a lack of production from Andre Rison, the four-time Pro Bowl receiver who has caught just five passes for a total of 47 yards in his three games. The Browns signed Rison as a free agent this year to enliven an offense that has ranked no higher than 16th in the league since Belichick arrived in 1991.

"If they roll up their coverage to Rison, I don't think it's real smart to throw into that coverage," Belichick said.

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